## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## **REPLY**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In response to the Office Action of April 4, 2006, please enter this paper in the record. This paper contains the following parts:

- (1) A listing of the claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper; and
- (2) Remarks/Arguments, which begin on page 8 of this paper.

In view of the remarks/arguments, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding Office Action and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully solicited. In the event that any issues remain that can be overcome most easily through a telephone communication, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Filed concurrently herewith is a Petition for a two-month extension of time. If a Petition for extension of time is required to render this submission timely and either is not filed concurrently herewith or does not suffice to render this submission timely, it is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for such an extension for as many months as are required to render this submission timely.

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Please charge any deficiency in fees, or credit any overpayment thereof, to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (119508-00140).

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